

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

COPIES: T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager; Roderick J. Sanchez, AICP, CBO, Planning and Development Services Director

SUBJECT: The Hills of Rivermist Retaining Wall

DATE: February 4, 2010

Attached to this memorandum is Rod Sanchez' findings to support his decision to not accept the current retaining wall structure as a component of the ultimate engineered solution for stabilizing the slopes and for protecting the properties and homeowners in the area. Key issues involving the Hills of Rivermist are:

- Centex/Pulte failed to obtain the proper permits as required by the *International Residential Code* and the *International Building Code*.
- The retaining wall was not built in accordance with engineer's drawings. In addition, the retaining wall may not have been properly designed for the soil conditions at Rivermist.

Mr. Sanchez advised Centex/Pulte the City will not accept any solution that involves the retaining wall in its current state. In addition, Mr. Sanchez requested Centex/Pulte provide a proposed solution and time frame that may allow residents to return to their home.

I will continue to keep you advised of all significant events relating to the failure of the retaining wall at the Hills of Rivermist. We have provided daily updates through the City's Rivermist website to the Mayor, Council and community since the incident. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rod Sanchez or me.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Sculley
City Manager